

THE NEW REGIME.

The Department of Public Parks—The Eight Hour Day Recognized—Useful and Beautiful Improvements—Music To-Day—The Department of Docks and What It Is Doing.

The Department of Public Parks assembled yesterday afternoon in session at the offices corner of Nassau and Cedar streets. The Commissioners were all present, and at the appointed time the Board organized, with the President, Commissioner Peter B. Sweeney, in the chair. A large amount of business, pertaining to a routine character and of no special importance, was transacted with a spirit and dispatch peculiar to the chief of the Board. A communication was received from the architect-in-chief submitting a list of the structures to be erected at present under way. These are the Terrace, at the north end of the Mall; north wing of offices of administration, and the Merchants' Gate, at Eighth avenue. The communication referred to Messrs. Olmsted and Vaux for a statement regarding the Belvedere, the Dairy and the Paleontological Museum, three structures hitherto under their charge. A communication from the last mentioned gentlemen in relation to the structures under their charge was received and ordered printed. Communications were received relative to the

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TROTTER AT THE UNION COURSE.

A Splendid Race Between American Girl, George Palmer and George Wilkes—Five Heats Closely Contested—American Girl the Winner.

As fine a trot as ever was witnessed came off yesterday afternoon at the Union Course, and more genial weather for the spectators has not been desired. Hundreds were on hand to witness the race, and all were delighted with the entertainment. The race was for a purse of \$2,500, \$1,400 to the first, \$750 to the second and \$350 to the third horse, mile heats, best three in five, in harness. The horses engaged were Mr. Lovell's bay mare American Girl, driven by Ben Daniels; Mr. Erastus Corney's brown gelding George Palmer, driven by Charles Champlin, and Mr. Simmons' brown stallion George Wilkes, driven by William Borst. Five heats were closely contested before a decision was arrived at, when American Girl was declared the victor, Palmer getting second money and George Wilkes the third premium.

The horses are all so well known to the public that a description of them here would be a waste of time and space. They all looked well and were in fine condition. American Girl and George Palmer both came up to the expectations of their backers but Wilkes did not. He was lacking in speed and inclined to break up badly in the race.

American Girl was the favorite before and all through the race, with occasional exceptions, which were but momentary. Even after the fourth heat, which was won by Palmer, she sold in some instances for more than he did. 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